

The receipts; State brands are \$6 87 1/2¢. The sales of Southern Flour are large; 5,000 bbls. at \$7 50 & 20. Wheat in firm, with small sales. Barley is also firm; sales of 12,000 bush. Rye at \$1 13 1/2¢, which is lower. Corn is plenty and dull; Western Mixed at \$6 20. Pork is firm and in good demand; Meats \$2 5 21¢. Prime is scarce and wanted. Beef is without change. Bacon and Cut Meats are steady and in demand. Lard has a downward tendency. The Ten sale to-day was a failure, not smiting the trade. At private sale the business is to a fair extent at full prices. Molasses has a downward tendency. Coffee sold to fair extent at full prices. Refiners are buying Sugars and the market is steady; the week shows a decline of 1/4¢ on the better grades. In Cotton about 3,000 bales have been taken at steady prices.

The supply of Money is more free to-day, and the inquiry is less active than yesterday.

The business of the Clearing-House has been \$15,625,000.

The supply of Land Warrants is large, and the market is unsettled and drooping. Messrs. Taylor Brothers' quote:

**Buying.** Selling.

1855. . . . . \$1 16

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The following gentlemen were yesterday received by the Managers of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company: John Wurts, Wm. M. Hale, Silas Holmes, Jacob R. Le Roy, Wm. S. Herriman, Charles N. Talbot, Lora Nash, Edward J. Wooley, William Masgrave, Geo. T. Olyphant, Daniel F. Fearing, Robert Ray, and Daniel Parish, President, John Wurts; Vice President, William Musgrave; Treasurer, Isaac N. Seymour; Secretary, James C. Hartt. The tolls on the Canal of this Company have increased from \$16,422 in 1830 to \$652,362 in 1855. In 1850 they were only \$96,000, and they have nearly doubled since 1853. The profits of the Company in 1855 were \$29,895 38, being a fraction over 18% on the stock. The Canal was opened at the usual period in the Spring, and there were transported on it during the season of navigation, by this Company, 565,376 tons of Coal, including 26,765 tons frozen up in the Canal in the Winter of 1854. The quantity transported by the Pennsylvania Coal Company, during the same time, was 528,070 tons, including 31,965 detained on the line of the Canal during the Winter by the above cause. The aggregate amount of toll received during the year on the Canal and Railroad was \$652,362. The tons of Coal for the year amounted to \$1,844,485. The Coal on hand is estimated at \$60,881, which is some \$600,000 more than was on hand at the same period last year.

It is known to many of our readers that a company has been recently formed in this city called the American Guano Company, to supply the United States with guano from an island in the Pacific Ocean discovered by Capt. Baker, and the location of which has thus far been kept a profound secret by the parties immediately interested. Our Government looked upon this discovery of an ample supply of guano as so much importance to the country that they ordered the Commodore on the Pacific station to send a Government agent with the expedition which was sent from here by the company to take possession of the Island. Within a few days additional evidence of the existence of the Island in question, and that it is covered with guano, has been obtained. Captain G. E. Netherer, of the bark Isabella, of Fairhaven, Mass., seeing the accounts of the Island, recognized it as one he had visited, and made an affidavit to the effect that on the 16th August, 1842, he discovered an island where he had not before known that land existed; and that upon landing upon it he discovered the monument erected by Capt. Baker over a seaman buried from the ship Gideon Howland. Capt. Netherer saw innumerable flocks of birds on the Island, and that it was covered with guano. Since Capt. Netherer's affidavit was made, Capt. John S. Debois has also made an affidavit to the same effect. Capt. Debois says:

**CAPT. NETHERER.—Dear Sir:** Yours of the 23d inst. is before me, and in reply will say, that I am perfectly willing to testify, that while in the bark Isabella, of Fairhaven, of which you was master, we fell in with an uninhabited Island in the Pacific Ocean, not laid down on the chart, on which was a man's grave. Furthermore, the Island was the abode of innumerable birds. It was perfectly dry, having no signs of vegetation. The surface was deeply covered with a substance having a disagreeable odor. At that time I did not know what it was, but from what I have seen since am confident that it was guano. I am unable to give the precise date, latitude and longitude, &c., having lost my journal when I was master of the ill-fated Ann Alexander. On my late voyage in the bark Vigilant, I stopped at an uninhabited Island in the Pacific Ocean and got a great quantity of eggs. The birds were similar to those we saw on the former Island, and the surface covered with the same substance, so that in walking I would frequently break through two or three feet. Yours truly, JOHN S. DEBOIS.

The story of the loss of the Ann Alexander by a whale, alluded to above, is related in a number of *Hector's Magazine*.

There appears to be but little doubt that the expedition sent out by the American Guano Company are on the right track, and that an ample supply of this valuable fertilizing substance can soon be obtained, without paying extravagant prices to the Peruvian Government.

The bid of Mr. John Thompson for the State loan of a million yesterday was a remarkable instance of financial judgment and close bidding, and deserved better success than it met with. It was 117,05 for the whole loan or none. A calculation of the other bids for an equal amount showed that they were only better for the State \$200 on the whole amount. If his bid had been 117,07, or only 2¢, the hundred dollars higher, he would have been entitled to the whole loan.

**The New-Orleans Price Current** of March 19 gives the following comparative statement of the condition of the banks for two weeks:

March 8. March 15.

Specie. \$6,437,641 \$8,561,882 Inc. \$14,235

Circulation. 5,672,179 5,849,349 Inc. 177,170

Bank loans. 18,189,222 16,135,233 Inc. 1,054

Exchange. 6,429,965 6,812,363 Decr. 115,303

Bank and Discount Banks. 2,424,703 2,634,633 Decr. 219,145

Long and Short notes. March 8. . . . . \$22,514

Long and Short notes, March 15. . . . . 22,514

A total decrease of loans for the week. \$21,624

Western Produce was arriving very freely, and the rates for most articles had given way. Freight to Europe were advancing, which checked the sales of Cotton a little, and kept prices in favor of the buyers. To Liverpool Cotton was taken at \$11 16d, & 23 3d. Sterling exchange had somewhat risen, though there were more bills offering. The quotations were 107 1/2¢. France, 5,271 1/2 5,231, and exchange on Nov. 14 1/2¢ discount.

**Markets—Carefully Reported for THE TRIBUNE.**

Wednesday, March 26, 1856.

**ASHES.—** The market is quite firm, the demand less, and stock limited, encumbering 250 bbls. Pots and 32 bbls. Pearl's salt at \$6 for Pots. Salaries are quiet.

**BOOTS AND SHOES.—** The Southern business is now in the bloom, and dealers anticipate a increase in orders of 15% on every article. The prices that farmers have obtained for their staples enable them to meet new obligations with greater freedom. The supplies coming in are in general liberal for present wants, but as we have not had many Western buyers yet, the assortment will do no harm to the market until the season closes. No shipping inquiry we quote:

Men's Thick and Kip Boots. . . . . \$21 22 27

Boys' Thick and Kip Boots. . . . . 1 25 10

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Men's Thick and Kip Boots. . . . . 65 20 20

Women's Thick and Kip Boots. . . . . 55 20 20

Children's Thick and Kip Boots. . . . . 37 20 20

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